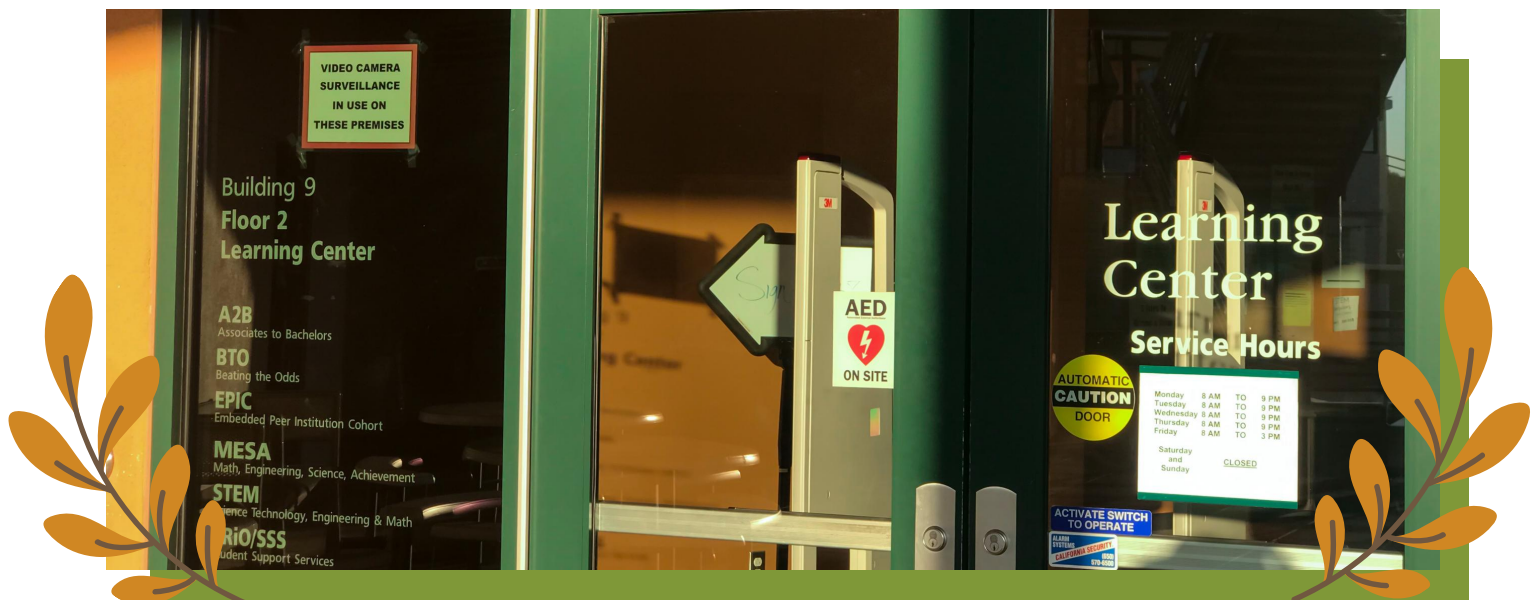


# WELCOME BACK!



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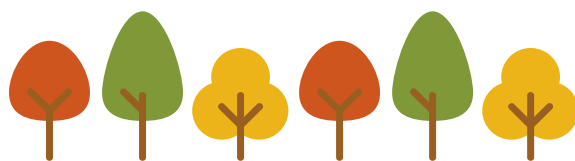
## Learning Center & STEM Center News

"Nobody but you have to believe in your dreams to make them a reality."  
— Germany Kent

The Learning Center is here and ready to assist you this semester! This fall we are still offering FREE online academic support for students such as:

- Free tutoring services
- Open office hours
- Peer mentoring
- Retention supports

You can find what you need at the Learning and STEM Centers. Our goal is for you to become the best student that you can be!



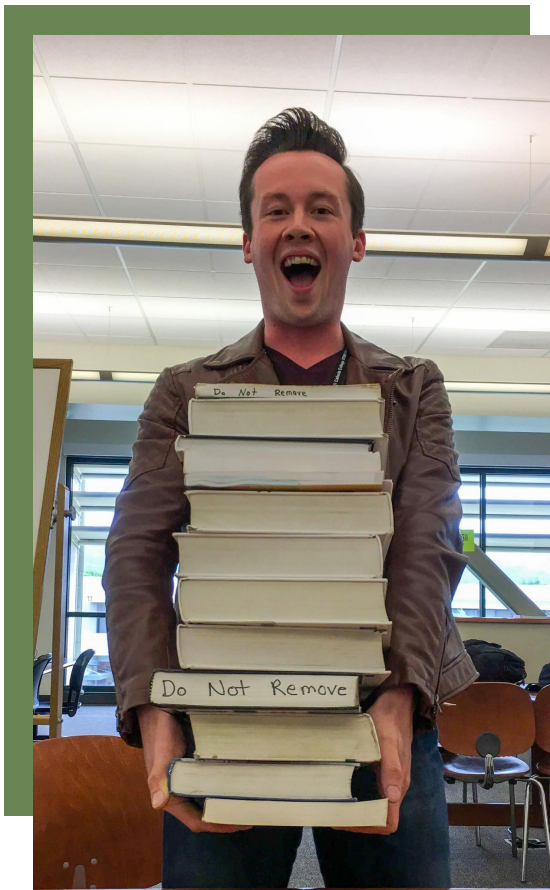
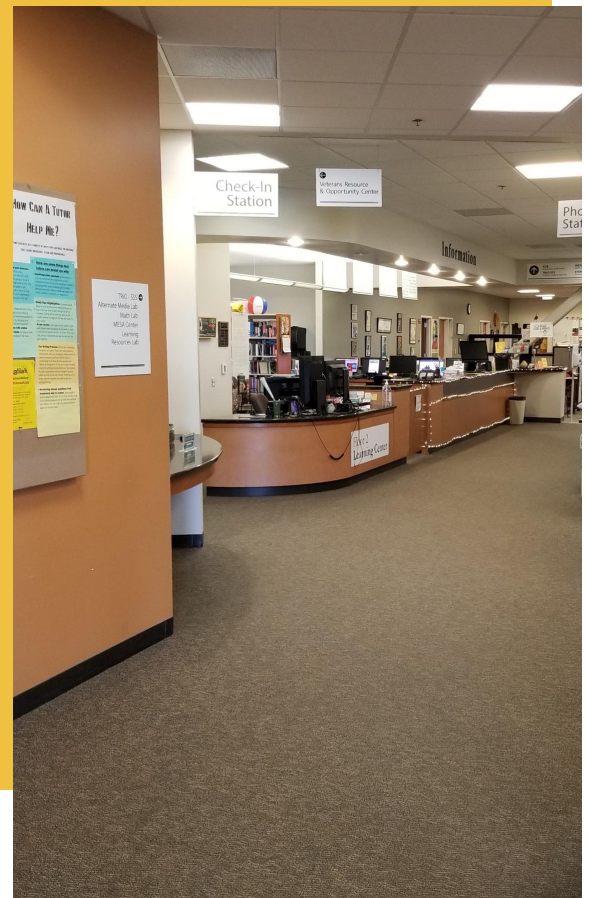
## LC Open Office Hours

**Monday to Thursday**  
9AM-9PM

**Friday**  
9AM - 5PM

The Learning Center & STEM are now open virtually, click below to talk to a real person!

[www.tinyurl.com/LChelpdesk](http://www.tinyurl.com/LChelpdesk)



## We are Offering Learning Center Virtual Orientations this Fall!

The Learning Center is now offering class orientations. Ask your professor to schedule a visit if you'd like to learn more about our services!

Faculty can schedule a Learning Center Orientation starting on **Monday, August 31st.**

Visit the Learning Center web page to schedule your orientation.





## English Conversation & Pronunciation Practice!

ESL Conversation & Pronunciation Practice Groups for Fall 2020. **Every MONDAY and TUESDAY: 12 - 1 pm**

**First meetings: August 31 & Sept 1**

**TO JOIN:** At noon any Monday and/or Tuesday, click below for the Learning Center Help Desk:

**[www.tinyurl.com/LChelpdesk](http://www.tinyurl.com/LChelpdesk)**

Then just ask to join the ESL Conversation group.

## Start your Semester Right. Meet with a Tutor!

Tutoring is available daily during **online drop-in hours**. Click or copy the link below to see the schedule.

**<https://tinyurl.com/wg99lat>**

Need more information? Please visit The Learning Center or the STEM Center page for more information about tutoring.

**<https://canadacollege.edu/learningcenter/>**

**<https://canadacollege.edu/stemcenter/>**







## STEM Center News for this Fall!

### STEM Virtual Speaker Series

The STEM Speaker Series will take place **September 9th through November 6th**. Everyone is invited to listen to the presenters, most of whom are Cañada alum. For more info about the speaker Series, please click or copy this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4jh64ff>

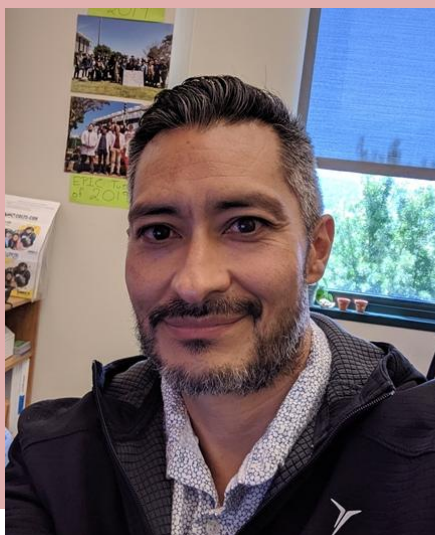
### STEM Virtual Campus Tours

Virtual tours of four-year universities are open to all students. Tours will take place **October 2nd through November 20th**. During the tours, we will hear from admissions staff at the universities, explore student academic support programs and hear from Cañada alum about their experiences at the universities.

For more info about the University tours, please click or copy this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ep8xaj>

For specific resources for STEM-majors only, please click or copy this link to visit our website: <https://tinyurl.com/yxqwujy4>



### Need to Talk to Someone in STEM?

Meet up with Gonzalo Arrizon, STEM Center Retention Specialist and get your questions answered!

For appointments, please email: [arrizong@smccd.edu](mailto:arrizong@smccd.edu)

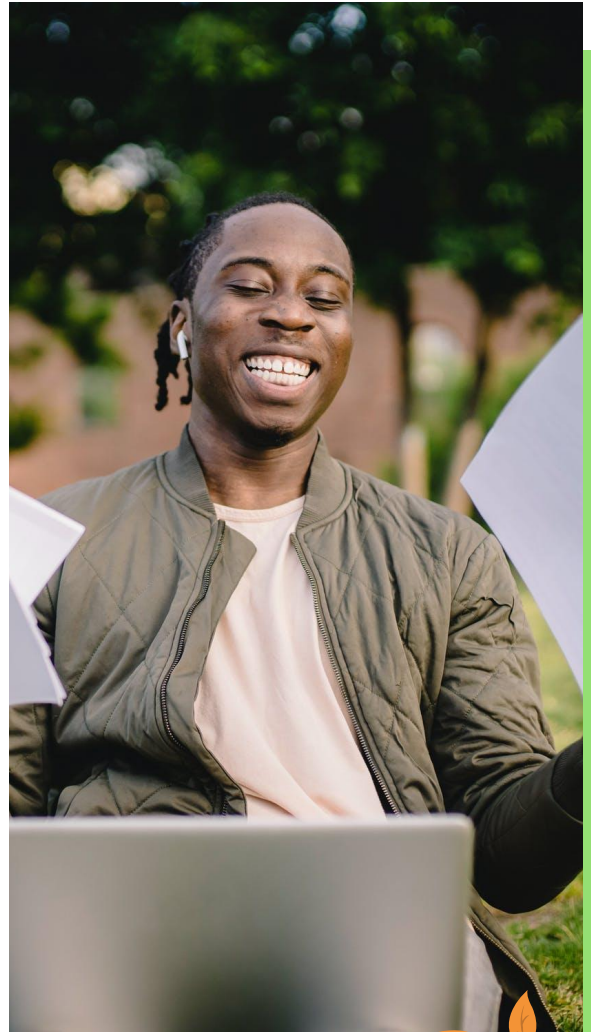
## Peer Mentors are Here for you! BTO, STEM and ¡ESO! Adelante Mentees

The BTO Peer Mentors are here to support you! If you had a Peer Mentor in Spring 2020, they are still available! If you did not have a Peer Mentor, you can still get support.

BTO, STEM and ¡ESO! Adelante Peer Mentors have joined forces to offer:

- Tech support for student technology
- Encouraging and motivating messages to keep you on track.
- Live stress-relief activities via Zoom.

<https://canadacollege.edu/mentor/>



## Have Career Questions? Meet with a Counselor!

James Macale will be available via the virtual Learning Center:

### **Times:**

Mondays, 2:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesdays, 2:00pm – 6:30pm

**For appointments, please email:**  
macalej@smccd.edu



## SparkPoint Resource and Opportunity Center Newsletter

Welcome to the Learning Center's Resource and Opportunity Newsletter. This newsletter will provide you with resources designed to support your personal, financial and academic goals of and their dependents.

SparkPoint presents "Make Your Money Work for You!" a financial literacy workshop services specifically designed for students. Take control of your money! Register today!

**3 Steps to a Budget:** Discover where your money is really going. Recognize needs vs. wants. Identify monthly income and create your own budget.

**Tuesday, September 15. 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Simple Savings Plans:** Pay yourself first. Learn to build a savings cushion. Create a personalized savings plan that works for you!

**Wednesday, September 16, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Credit Basics:** Learn about the different types of credit. Discover the cost of credit. Find out how to raise your credit score and how good credit saves you money!

**Thursday, September 17, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**



**Public Benefits:** Join us for an overview of college and community public benefits. Learn guidelines for eligibility, as well as, how to apply, and what to expect when applying for Cal-Fresh and Unemployment. Building an asset-based safety net of resources can support you, towards financial stability and peace of mind!

**Friday, August 7, 1:00pm–2:00pm**

**To register for any of the workshops, please click below:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y257s2bp>**



## Free GROCERIES

San Mateo County Community College District  
Emergency Food Distribution

Fresh Produce. Healthy Options. On Us.

### FREE DRIVE-THRU COMMUNITY MARKET

at College of San Mateo

**Every Friday** *(Extended thru December)*

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**LOCATION:**

College of San Mateo  
1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd.  
San Mateo, CA 94402  
(Beethoven Parking Lot #2)

We've increased the number  
of families we can serve!

- COVID-19 guidelines will be observed
- Only drive-thru pickups will be served
- Open to students and the community
- This does not impact public charge
- No I.D. required to pick up food



## Food Distribution – Every Friday at CSM

**Update: Extended thru December!**

Stop by the FREE Drive-Thru  
Emergency Food Distribution held  
**every Friday between 11:00 am and  
1:00 pm at the College of San Mateo  
(CSM)!**

This food distribution is open to all  
students and community members.

All COVID-19 Guidelines are  
maintained and there is no impact on  
public charge. We're also excited to  
announce that customers drive away  
with 30-45 lbs. of food per visit.

**Contact SparkPoint and set up an  
appointment with a financial coach  
today!**

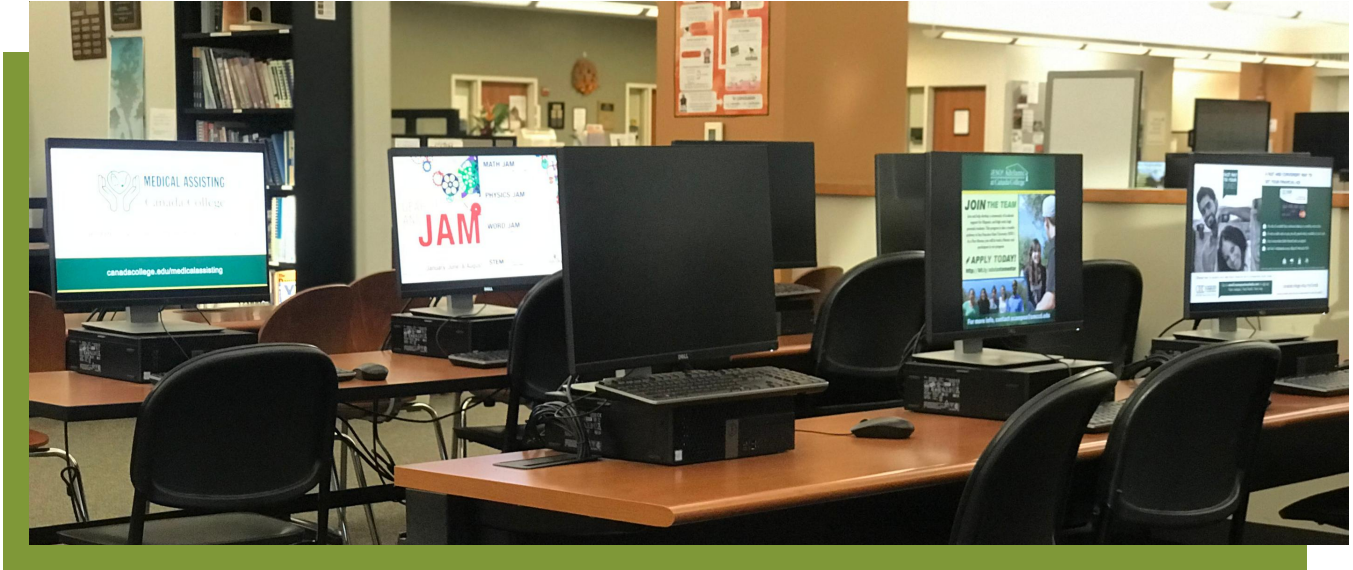
To schedule an appointment with a  
financial coach call us or send us an  
email!

**Phone:** 650-381-3550

**Email:** [cansparkpoint@smccd.edu](mailto:cansparkpoint@smccd.edu)



# HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!



We are here to assist you in any way we can, so don't hesitate to ask us questions. Please visit us during the Learning Center Open Office Hours to chat with someone or visit the LC web to find more information and resources for your virtual semester!

[www.tinyurl.com/LChelpdesk](http://www.tinyurl.com/LChelpdesk)

Or visit the Learning Center page:

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